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Sent: Wednesday, 24 June 2009 5:03 p.m.
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Hi you may have got these "submissions" as well - I'm just forwarding on everything that I receive at TP callin

cheers Viv

From: Julie Burwell [mailto:uddamudda@hotmail.com]
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To The Board of Inquiry-Upper North Island Grid Upgrade Proposal

Congratulations on giving Transpower the right to destroy the environment and tranquillity that New Zealand is known for worldwide. I grew up thinking the justice system in New Zealand was fair. I had heard the saying 'money talks' but naively disbelieved it. I do wonder which way your decision would have gone if Transpower had had to use their individual personal income to pay for the services of experts in the field of electricity to push their case, as we did. Yet this is Transpower's sole job with endless supplies of money and experts at their disposal. As farmers we have been expected to run our farms (our businesses) whilst we use our personal income, resources and limited time available in order to employ professional advice and put forward a professionally documented case.

As a result of your initial decision we have been told to lie down and let Transpower build pylons on our land which we have been farming environmentally friendly for many years. I am sure you have heard of the Treaty of Waitangi in which land was dishonestly taken from the Maori possibly through cheating and trickery. Lessons have not been learnt from history. The cost to this country has been huge. You have created a Treaty of Transpower where landowners are forced against their wishes to sign over the rights to their land.

Transpower say they won't give an annual rent as it has never been done before. 70m pylons and 400kv lines have never been in place before yet you give Transpower this right. As landowners we are to have no rights, if justice is fair we deserve the right to indemnification, compensation, and inflation adjusted annual lease of our land because I am damn sure Transpower intends to make an ever increasing annual profit from the use of our land!

Recommendation to the Board is: Compensation be paid up front to affected landowners and continue to be paid as long as it influences our livelihoods. Or decline this proposal in its entirety.

Regards, Barry Burwell

Find someone to snuggle up with Brrr... its getting cold out there